

REMARKS

This application is a broadening reissue application that is being filed within two years of the issue date of U.S. Patent No. 6,257,401 B1. Claims 1-96 are now pending. Claims 7 and 70 have been amended. Claims 1-6, 8-69, and 71-76 are unchanged. Claims 77-96 have been added. Some of the new claims are similar to claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,349,847 B1 (Serial No. 09/680,590) which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,257,401 B1. The examiner is invited to review the file history of U.S. Patent No. 6,349,847 B1. It is believed that the claims remaining in the application do not recapture subject matter surrendered during prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 6,257,401 B1 or U.S. Patent No. 6,349,847 B1. Submitted herewith is a clean set of pending claims.

Reissue Oath/Declaration

The reasoning for this broadening reissue is set forth in the unexecuted reissue oath/declaration where one underclaiming error is specified.

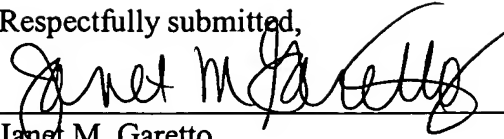
Conclusion

It is the Applicants' belief that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, and action towards that end is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

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Respectfully submitted,

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